

HOUSE BILL 2231  
By Buck

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 29,  
Chapter 26, relative to damages in medical  
malpractice actions.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 29-26-119, is amended by  
designating the current language as subsection (a) and by inserting the following as a new  
subsection (b) thereto:

(b) In a malpractice action in which liability is admitted or established, and in  
which the claimant did not have health insurance at the time of the treatment giving rise  
to the action, the damages awarded may include only actual economic losses suffered  
by the claimant as described in subsection (a), and may not include any other element of  
damages, including but not limited to punitive damages, notwithstanding any provision of  
law to the contrary.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring  
it.